according the status of Central University to Sagar and Rewa Universities submitted by the Government of Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, The National Policy on Education, 1986, as modified in 1992, states that in the near future, the main emphasis will be on consolidation of facilities rather than on their expansion. Programme of Action, 1992, also directs that given the necessity to arrest the declining trend in the flow of plan funds from the UGC to state universities and colleges, the severe constraint of resources and the need to provide adequate infrastructure in newer Central Universities established in the North-East, the Government would not be in a position to consider the proposal for according Central University status to Sagar and Rewa Universities at present.

**Mushrooming of private universities**

3298. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken/proposed by the University Grants Commission to stem the mushrooming of the private universities, which in many cases endanger the academic careers of a large number of students enrolled therein;

(b) the names of the private universities approved by the U.G.C. during the last three years ending the 31st March, 2005; and

(c) the number of cases for approval of private universities pending with the U.G.C. as on the 1st April, 2005 and by when these are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) The incorporation, regulation and winding up of Universities is within the competence of the State Legislatures. However, in order to maintain standards of higher education the UGC (Establishment of and Maintenance of Standards in Private Universities) Regulations, 2003 were issued on 27th December, 2003 and are in force. These Regulations apply to every privatre university

established by or incorporated under a State Act, before or after the commencement of these regulations and also apply to all the degrees/ diplomas/certificates offered by such universities.

The UGC also undertook on the spot inspections of the private universities by sending the inspection committees to see that the stipulated parameters of the Regulations have been followed.

(b) As on the 31st March, 2005 the following private universities established by the respective State Legislatures are recognized, under section 2(f) of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956:-

1. Dhirubhai Ambani Institute of Information and Communication Technology, Gandhinagar.

2. Nirma University of Science & Technology, Sarkhej, Ahmedabad.

3. Jaypee University of Information Technology, Solan District.

4. Jagadguru Rambhadracharya Handicapped University, Chitrakoot Dham.

5. Integral University, Lucknow.

6. Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya, Hardwar.

7. University of Petroleum and Energy Studies, Dehradun

(c) Two proposal are under the consideration of the UGC, no time limit for 'clearance' can be set because the Commission can only take a view on merits.

**Anganwadi workers training centres in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh**

†3299. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Anganwadi workers training centres in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh during last three years;

(b) the number of training centres out of the above ordered for closure;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.